

Staff Briefing Meeting, Monday, October 21, 2024, 1:30 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Pam Carter, Vice-Chair
Michael Shull
Butch Wells
Carolyn Bragg
Scott Seaton
Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator
Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
James Benkahla, County Attorney
Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development
Julia Hensley, Planner II

ABSENT: Jeffrey Slaven, Chairman
Gerald Garber

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, October 21, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 249th year of the Commonwealth....

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VDOT ROADS

Don Komara, Residency Administrator, discussed the VDOT monthly report.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

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FIRE AND RESCUE

Greg Schacht, Fire Chief, discussed the month Fire-Rescue report.

The Board requests an update on the Churchville hub at the Staff Briefing in November.

The Board accepted the report as information.

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LIBRARY UPDATE

Jennifer Brown, Director of Augusta County Library, presented the Board with an update for the library.

The Board accepted as information.

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AUGUSTA COUNTY COURTHOUSE FURNITURE CONSULTING

Candy Hensley, Assistant County Administrator, discussed awarding contract to Envision Collaborative Interiors.

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, October 23, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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OPIOID NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Ms. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, stated that there have been several resolutions related to settlements for opioid funding. Utilizing a small grant along with a small local match of \$5,000.00 each, the Cities and the County conducted a needs assessment to plan for opioid abatement efforts in each locality. Knowledge Advisory Group and the Carter Foundation were procured to conduct a needs assessment.

Trina Willard and Sondra Wright of Knowledge Advisory Group gave a summary of the report and recommendations regarding the Opioid Needs Assessment.

The Board accepted as information.

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TAX REFUND

James Benkahla, County Attorney, discussed tax refunds for Hershey Chocolate of Virginia and McKee Foods.

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, October 23, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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RESOLUTION-NATIONAL QUIET ZONE

Mallory Craig, Operations Manager for ECC, Camden Reedy, Radio Technician for the regional project and Amanda Irvine, Director of ECC, discussed the resolution.

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, October 23, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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WAIVER REQUEST

Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development, discussed a sewer waiver request for Jerico Road.

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, October 23, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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PLANNING COMMISSION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

Julia Hensley, Planner II, discussed a request from the Mt. Sidney Ruritan Club to add a Public Use Overlay to the parcel in order to construct a community center building and active and passive recreational facilities. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, October 23, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

The following was discussed:

- 1) Reminder of the VACo Conference November 10-12, 2024
- 2) Today marks ten years since Dennis Burnett passing.
- 3) Hurricane donations are complete. There were four tractor trailers in total that were filled and delivered.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Dr. Seaton asked for an update on the Fishersville Library survey.

Mr. Wolfe will reach out to the surveyor.

Mr. Wells recommends changing the wording for the COPN to say that the Board encourages the General Assembly to continue the studies to improve COPN.

Ms. Bragg stated that Ag Discovery Day at Expo is Saturday, October 26th.

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CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Mr. Shull, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board went into closed session pursuant to:

- (1) the personnel exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A) (1)
[discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body]:
 - a. Boards and Commissions: Building Board of Appeals, Ag Industry Board, EDA
- (2) the economic development exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A) (5)
[discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of its interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the county]:
 - a. Proposed Office space, flex space, storage facilities, manufacturing facilities, utility and mixed-use development.

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On motion of Mr. Shull, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board came out of Closed Session.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Carter, Shull, Wells, Seaton and Bragg
 Nays: None
 Absent: Slaven and Garber

Motion carried.

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CLOSED SESSION (CON'TD)

The Chairman advised that each member is required to certify that to the best of their knowledge during the closed session only the following was discussed:

1. Public business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements, and
2. Only such public business matters identified in the motion to convene the executive session.

The Chairman asked if there is any Board member who cannot so certify.

Hearing none, the Chairman called upon the County Administrator/ Clerk of the Board to call the roll noting members of the Board who approve the certification shall answer AYE and those who cannot shall answer NAY.

Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Carter, Shull, Wells, Seaton and Bragg
Nays: None
Absent: Slaven and Garber

Motion carried.

The Chairman authorized the County Administrator/Clerk of the Board to record this certification in the minutes.



Chairman
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County Administrator